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In re the Application of:

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For: LASER SCANNING MICROSCOPE WITH A NON-DESCANNED DETECTION AND/OR
OBSERVATION BEAM PATH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.